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4 Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section A, Line 18, by  
5 inserting after "337.689," the following: "337.700, 337.715,  
6 337.718,"; and

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1 Further amend said bill, Page 72, Section 337.689, Line 6,  
2 by inserting immediately after said line the following:

3 "337.700. As used in sections 337.700 to 337.739, the  
4 following terms mean:

5 (1) "Committee", the state committee for family and marital  
6 therapists;

7 (2) "Department", the Missouri department of economic  
8 development;

9 (3) "Director", the director of the division of  
10 professional registration in the department of economic  
11 development;

12 (4) "Division", the division of professional registration;

13 (5) "Fund", the marital and family therapists' fund created  
14 in section 337.712;

15 (6) "Licensed marital and family therapist", a person to  
16 whom a license has been issued pursuant to the provisions of  
17 sections 337.700 to 337.739, whose license is in force and not  
18 suspended or revoked;

19 (7) "Marital and family therapy", the use of scientific and  
20 applied marriage and family theories, methods and procedures for  
21 the purpose of describing, diagnosing, evaluating and modifying  
22 marital, family and individual behavior within the context of  
23 marital and family systems, including the context of marital  
24 formation and dissolution. Marriage and family therapy is based

1 on systems theories, marriage and family development, normal and  
2 dysfunctional behavior, human sexuality and psychotherapeutic,  
3 marital and family therapy theories and techniques and includes  
4 the use of marriage and family therapy theories and techniques in  
5 the diagnosis, evaluation, assessment and treatment of  
6 intrapersonal or interpersonal dysfunctions within the context of  
7 marriage and family systems. Marriage and family therapy may  
8 also include clinical research into more effective methods for  
9 the treatment and prevention of the above-named conditions;

10 (8) "Practice of marital and family therapy", the rendering  
11 of professional marital and family therapy services to  
12 individuals, family groups and marital pairs, singly or in  
13 groups, whether such services are offered directly to the general  
14 public or through organizations, either public or private, for a  
15 fee, monetary or otherwise.

16 337.715. 1. Each applicant for licensure as a marital and  
17 family therapist shall furnish evidence to the division that:

18 (1) The applicant has a master's degree or a doctoral  
19 degree in marital and family therapy, or its equivalent, from an  
20 acceptable educational institution accredited by a regional  
21 accrediting body or accredited by an accrediting body which has  
22 been approved by the United States Department of Education;

23 (2) The applicant has twenty-four months of postgraduate  
24 supervised clinical experience acceptable to the division, as the

1 division determines by rule;

2 (3) After August 28, 2008, the applicant shall have  
3 completed a minimum of three semester hours of graduate level  
4 course work in diagnostic systems either within the curriculum  
5 leading to a degree as defined in subdivision (1) of this  
6 subsection or as post master's graduate level course work. Each  
7 applicant shall demonstrate supervision of diagnosis as a core  
8 component of the postgraduate supervised clinical experience as  
9 defined in subdivision (2) of this subsection;

10 (4) Upon examination, the applicant is possessed of  
11 requisite knowledge of the profession, including techniques and  
12 applications research and its interpretation and professional  
13 affairs and ethics;

14 [(4)] (5) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age,  
15 is of good moral character, is a United States citizen or has  
16 status as a legal resident alien, and has not been convicted of a  
17 felony during the ten years immediately prior to application for  
18 licensure.

19 2. A licensed marriage and family therapist who has had no  
20 violations and no suspensions and no revocation of a license to  
21 practice marriage and family therapy in any jurisdiction may  
22 receive a license in Missouri provided said marriage and family  
23 therapist passes a written examination on Missouri laws and  
24 regulations governing the practice of professional counseling as

1 defined in section 337.700, and meets one of the following  
2 criteria:

3 (1) Is a member in good standing and holds a certification  
4 from the Academy of Marriage and Family Therapists;

5 (2) Is currently licensed or certified as a licensed  
6 marriage and family therapist in another state, territory of the  
7 United States, or the District of Columbia; and

8 (a) Meets the educational standards set forth in  
9 subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section;

10 (b) Has been licensed for the preceding five years; and

11 (c) Has had no disciplinary action taken against the  
12 license for the preceding five years; or

13 (3) Is currently licensed or certified as a marriage and  
14 family therapist in another state, territory of the United  
15 States, or the District of Columbia that extends like privileges  
16 for reciprocal licensing or certification to persons licensed by  
17 this state with similar qualifications.

18 3. The division shall issue a license to each person who  
19 files an application and fee as required by the provisions of  
20 sections 337.700 to 337.739, and who furnishes evidence  
21 satisfactory to the division that the applicant has complied with  
22 the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4) of subsection 1 of this  
23 section or with the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

24 337.718. 1. Each license issued pursuant to the provisions

1 of sections 337.700 to 337.739 shall expire on a renewal date  
2 established by the director. The term of licensure shall be  
3 twenty-four months; however, the director may establish a shorter  
4 term for the first licenses issued pursuant to sections 337.700  
5 to 337.739. The division shall renew any license upon  
6 application for a renewal and upon payment of the fee established  
7 by the division pursuant to the provisions of section 337.712.  
8 Effective August 28, 2008, as a prerequisite for renewal, each  
9 licensee shall furnish to the committee satisfactory evidence of  
10 the completion of the requisite number of hours of continuing  
11 education as defined by rule, which shall be no more than forty  
12 contact hours biennially. The continuing education requirements  
13 may be waived by the committee upon presentation to the committee  
14 of satisfactory evidence of illness or for other good cause.

15 2. The division may issue temporary permits to practice  
16 under extenuating circumstances as determined by the division and  
17 defined by rule."; and

18 Further amend said title, enacting clause and intersectional  
19 references accordingly.